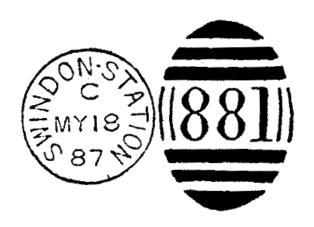
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It incorporates the following:

- 1/ Status of the Offices that used barred numeral cancellations.
- 2/ A list of the Sub Offices of major Offices that used barred numeral cancels.
- 3/ The later numeral allocations that were made after barred numerals ceased to be issued.

Dates, codes and times in red are new to the published volumes.

Dates of a change in status are derived largely from the Post Office Guide for January of each year, if a change occurs in say the 1865 edition, it actually took place sometime in 1864.

Status of the Offices

Head Post Offices / **Post Town** collected, sorted, cancelled and distributed mail from and to a series of Subordinate Offices.

The address of mail sent to a place with a Head Office would end just with the name of the town i.e. Bedford.

Independent Sub Offices evolved in the second half of the 19th Century having an address that was independent of the nearest Head Office, most of their mail could come straight to them.

Mail sent to these addresses ended with S.O. and the county name.

i.e. Shefford S.O. Beds. (from 1873 to 1886)

Railway Sub Offices (R.S.O.)

These were offices that received and sent their mail to a travelling railway post office rather than a conventional head office.

i.e. Shefford R.S.O. Beds. (from 1886 to 1905)

When the term "Railway Sub Office" was abolished in 1905, these became Independent Sub Offices; in 1909 they became Post Towns. Although the term R.S.O. was abolished in 1905 it remained in use in many cds's for several years afterwards.

Subordinate Offices The address of mail sent there had to include the name of the Head Office:-

- i.e. Potton, Biggleswade. (1844 to 1854)
- i.e. Potton, St Neots. (1854 to 1872)
- i.e. Potton, Sandy. (1872 to present)

These normally received and sent most of their mail direct to a Head Office.

In the text the dates given are for the length of time that they were sub offices not the period of use of barred numerals.

A Sub Office in an urban environment, before 1892 was called a Town Receiving Office.

LETTER BOXES.

Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes, did not normally have their own cancellation, exception were Late Fee Letter Boxes at Railway Stations. The cancellation was applied either in the Travelling Post Office, eg. Euston Square Station with its provincial style 964 cancellation, or in transit the Manchester/Liverpool/Leeds/ Bradford Late Box cancellations which were cancelled in London.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CANCELLATIONS:

1844 type for the single obliterators issued to all the offices in the lists to 1850.



1844

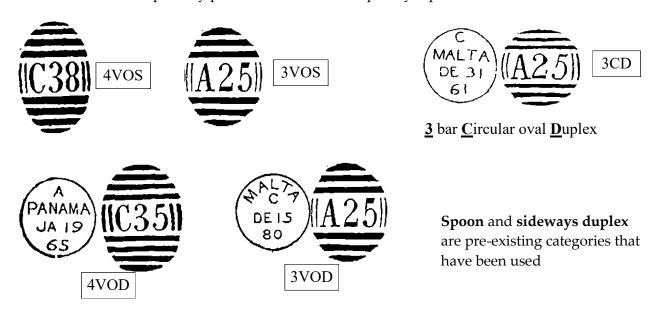
3HOS is a 3 Bar Horizontal Oval Single obliterator

The 3HOS replaced the 1844 type in the 1850's. They can sometimes be very similar in that the 1844's can have three bars at the top and base. The key characteristic to separate these from a subsequently issued 3HOS is the length of the uppermost and lowermost bars. These are long in the 1844 type and short and often convex in the 3HOS. The figure 4 almost always has a serif on the horizontal bar in 1844s and is always sans serif in the 3HOSs.



4VOS is a **4** Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator **3VOS** is a **3** Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

Obliterators that were first issued as a 4VOS can through wear and local recutting become a 3VOS or indeed rarely a 2VOS. As these always derive from the original 4VOS they are placed in that category. The evidence is that the size of the figures and letters stay the same despite the reduction in the number of bars. True 3VOS's are separately proofed as such and frequently replace a 4VOS.



<u>4</u> bar <u>Vertical <u>O</u>val Duplex <u>3</u> bar <u>Vertical <u>O</u>val <u>D</u>uplex</u></u>

3VODX A distinctive pattern of 3VOD was sent to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. In use the cds and obliterator were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued. They are often described as a 3VOS in the literature. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in an experimental new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to not to have been successful.

ILLUSTRATIONS

The majority of the illustrations are face different Proof Book entries. These have been photocopied from photocopies held in the Post Office archive.

There are very few examples of the 1844 type in the Proof Books, most examples in the catalogue have been traced from actual examples.

If there are two identical copies of a cancel entered at the same in the Proof Books this can often be shown to be the issue of two different cancels. The official stamping the entry found it easier to make two impressions of the same cancel rather than one of each.

DATE OF ISSUE

The date attached to each illustration is the first date of entry in the Proof Books. Just the month and year are quoted because of the ambiguities in the various possible dates: -

1/ The date a cancellation was sent to a Head Office, this was not always the final destination.

2/ The date in the cds of the cancellation, this is not always the same as the date sent. It can indeed be almost a year out. Volume 15 of the Proof Books consists of cut outs of cancellations, these are often duplicate entries of cancels that are in other Proof Books - however the cds date in volume 15 can often be much earlier in the year than the date in the other Proof Books. The earlier date is certainly the correct one.

3/ The date a cancel was proofed – this is in a column marked "sent" in the Proof Books.

In the literature any of these three sources could have been used for the "date of issue".

RARITY & PRICE

The rarity index ranges from A = abundant to H = very few recorded. H* has been used for proofed cancels that have only been recorded on loose stamp.

GPO means that the cancel has only been seen in the Proof Books.

Prices for coloured cancels have not been quoted, there is too much variation.

Prices have not been updated from those quoted in the six volume set issued 2011 to 2013 - i.e. they are at least 10 years old.

POST OFFICE LISTS

The list of numeral allocations comes from a combination of several sources:-

1/ The Official Lists held in various forms in the Post Office Archives and several that are privately held.

2/ Individual changes in allocation listed in the Post Office Circular, which was a set of weekly instructions to Postmasters.

The Official Lists that have been used:-

1844 – contained in Dendy Marshall's book. Thus seen by Brumell.

1845 - 1847 - 1855 - 1856 - 1857 contained in the relevant Post Office Directory.

1874 - 1882 - 1887 - 1892 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in their file Post 55. The 1882 list is new, it was not seen or mentioned by Brumell.

1899 - Brumell mentions a list that he had not seen that was quoted by Whitworth (Southport 1905) as the "1899" list. Post Office Archives have an 1887 list with manuscript additions up to about 1900. This is certainly Whitworth's "1899" list.

1902 - seen and listed by Brumell, but there is no longer a copy in the Post Office Archives.

1906 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55. This was the last list used by Brumell.

1924, 1929 and 1949 - these have recently become available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55, called Post Office Form 1013. They were not available to Mackay.

1954, 1959 - listed by George Pearson in his 1959 publication. The lists are not in the Post Office Archives.

1962 - an original list seen and quoted by Mackay. Given by him in 1990 to the Post Office Archives, but no longer available. A privately held copy has been downloaded from the GBPS website.

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Post Office Archives: Many thanks for all their help in the past, although under the current regime research is becoming increasingly difficult. This follows a general tendency amongst archivists to make preservation the all-pervading priority and making access secondary.

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For an exhaustive catalogue of all Witshire postmarks see "Wiltshire and its Postmarks" by Dr John Siggers 1982 Sandcliffe Press, Devizes. Dr Siggers later additions have been edited by Norman Higson in "Further notes on Wiltshire and its Postmarks" privately published in 2006.

17 AMESBURY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Salisbury 1855 to 1888, Independent Sub Office/ Post Town 1888 to 1890, Sub Office of Salisbury 1890 to present.

Amesbury was allocated number 17 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 17 was later allocated to Alderley Edge (Ches) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844 Used from 5 MAY1844 to 30 JAN1845 Price H £50

3HOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60 (Price if found on dated cover)

WILTSHIRE 17-157





3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOS Used from 26 OCT1876 to 28 JUN1892 Price G £40 Early mail was usually cancelled in Salisbury **3VOD** Used from 1 DEC1897 to 14 AUG1908 Codes: A B Binv C Price A £6 on cover, £3 on ppc.

106 BRADFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Bradford was allocated number 106 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844

1844 Used from 29 MAY1844 to 9 DEC1867 Price E £25 Note five bars at top



4VOD MAY1868



3VOD APR1878

4VOD Used from 22 MAR1869 to 26 APR1883 Codes: A B C Price E £15 **3VOD** Used from 14 OCT1878 to 30 SEP1902 Codes: A B C. Price A £3.

142 Bulford Camp

Bulford Camp was allocated number 142 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

157 CALNE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Chippenham 1855 to 1865, Head Post Office 1865 to?. Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1995.

Calne was allocated number 157 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



3HOS JUL1853



3HOS MAY1859



3HOS AUG1865



3HOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

1844 Used from 3 JUN1844 to 8 MAR1859, this is well after the 3HOS came into use. Price B £5

3HOS Used from 12 JAN1857 to 7 DEC1871 Price A £3 Single side arcs in 1871



3TH.HOS SEP1864





3TH.HOS Used from 23 NOV1864 to 12 MAR1880 Price C £6 **3VOS** Used from 5 MAY1880 to 1 MAY1883 Price H £50





4VODA JUL1865



4VODB Mar1873

4VODA (Straight Calne) Used from 22 DEC1865 to 18 APR1872 Code: C Price C £3 **4VODB (Curved Calne)** Used from 30 APR1879 to 8 JUL1879 Code: C Price G £40



3VODA JUL1879

3VODA (Calne in cds) Used from 13 SEP1880 to 24 MAR1890 Codes: B C D E Price E £20

WILTSHIRE 157-191



3VODBc (Calne Wilts in cds) Used from 25 APR1890 to 9 DEC1896

Codes: DEF Price C£3

3VODBt (Calne Wilts in cds) Used from 17 APR1897 to 19 JUL1903

Times: 1015AM 1030AM 110PM 115PM 330PM 9PM 915PM 930PM 330 915 Price D £4

191 CHIPPENHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Chippenham was allocated number 191 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- 157 Calne 1855 to 1865, Chipping Sodbury 1844 to 1865, 005 Corsham 1844 to 1873, 361 Heytesbury 1856 to 1859, 044 Lacock 1844 to present, 192 Malmesbury 1844 to 1865, 045 & F66 Sutton Benger 1844 to present and 043 Yatton Keynell

1845 to present.



1844 APR1844



3HOS AUG1853



3HOS JUL1857



3HOS AUG1857

1844 Used from 14 MAY1844 to 9 MAY1853 Price C £5

(Sigger's illustration no. 32 has four bars at the base – this is true of the early copies) Seen in blue

3HOS Used from 10 SEP1854 to 29 AUG1874 Price B £3







3VOS Used from 21 APR1876 to 27 FEB1904 Price G £30 seen used through cloth

WILTSHIRE 191-192





3CD Used from 7 NOV1859 to 3 JAN1870 Codes: C D Price A £3



4VOD Used from 17 OCT1871 to 31 JUL1886 Codes: B D E F H Price A £3



3VOD Time in code Used from 21 AUG1879 to 24 DEC1893

Codes: CDEFIKLMNO- Price A £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 8 FEB1894 to 20 OCT1898

Codes: GF*A LF*A A*P BG*P DF*P F*P G*P H*P I*P LB*P Price C £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 13 JUL1896 to 24 DEC1904

Times: 7AM 11AM 1130AM 121PM 1230PM 430PM 5PM 645PM 7PM 8PM 9PM 1045PM

GFGF11PM none (xmas) Price A £3

Several different subtypes, none of which are entered in the Proof Books.

192 MALMESBURY

Sub Office of Chippenham 1844 to 1865, Head Post Office 1865 to 1922, Sub Office of Swindon 1922 to 1940, Post Town 1940 to present

From 1872 the new spelling Malmesbury occurs in duplex cancellations.

Malmesbury was allocated number 192 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



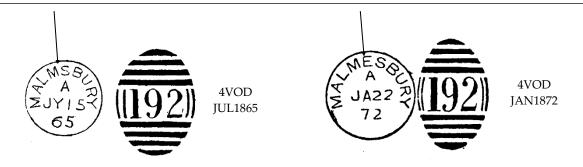


1844 Used from 18 MAR1845 to 6 DEC1856 Price F £20
1844 in blue Used from 7 FEB1851 to 30 APR1851
3HOS Used from 28 JUL1857 to 1859 Price H £30





3TH.HOS GPO From 1858 to 1867 mail was cancelled in Chippenham **3VOS** GPO



4VOD Used from 22 OCT1867 to 25 JUN1879 Codes: B C Price A £3 The first issue is without an e in Malmsbury. It was entered twice in the Proof Books. The 22 JAN1872 issue has an e in Malmsbury They do not overlap in use.



3VOD Time in code Used from 2 JUL1880 to 2 DEC1893

Codes: B C D E F G Price D £4

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 5 AUG1894 to 4 JUN1901

Codes: HF*A KF*A A*P BG*P DF*P FE*P FF*P HF*P I*P Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 18 JUL1902 to 27 APR1907

Times: 430AM 830AM 845AM 1030AM 1130AM 1PM 230PM 430PM 630PM 830PM 11PM

Price A £3

196 Swindon

A charge mark with the number 196 was sent to Swindon in Aug.1917. It was probably sent on to a subordinate office.

249 DEVIZES

Head Post Office 1844 to 1964, Head Post Office to Salaried Sub Office in 1964, Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1996.

Devizes was allocated number 249 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 327 Shrewton 1844 to 1891.









1844 Used from 3 MAY1844 to 15 AUG1852 Price D £10

1844 in blue Used from 6 OCT1849 to 15 AUG1852

3HOS Used from 1 FEB1853 to 30 APR1868 Price E £15



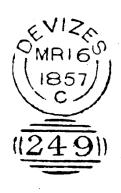
3VOS MAY1873



3VOS MAY1878

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)





SDWYS II MAR1857

SDWYS II Used from 28 MAR1857 to 22 MAY1872 Codes: A B D none Price C £10



3CD Used from 6 FEB1859 to 11 JAN1865 Codes: A C D Price B £3



4VODA (Straight Devizes) Used from 26 SEP1865 to 18 JUN1872 Codes: A B C D Price A £3





4VODB (Curved Devizes) Time in code Used from 10 JUL1872 to 15 SEP1896

Codes: A B C D E F G H Price A £2

4VODB (Curved Devizes) Time in full Used from 3 AUG1904 to 29 MAY1905

Times: 1030AM 215PM 7PM 830PM 915PM Price E £4



3VOD Used from 29 MAR1878 to 28 APR1880 Codes: A C D E F L Price C £3

WILTSHIRE 295-327

295 HIGHWORTH

Sub Office of Fairford 1844 to 1855. Sub Office of Swindon 1855 to present.

Highworth was allocated number 295 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 295 was later allocated to Fishponds, Bristol in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844 APR1844



3HOS JAN1857

1844 Used from 1 JUL1844 to 24 JUL1863 Price D £10

3HOS Used from 26 AUG1867 to 25 SEP1878 Price C £6



4VOD FEB1868



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

4VOD Used from 21 DEC1868 to 18 APR1890 Codes: A B C Price A £3 **3VOD** Used from 10 MAY1895 to 29 JUL1909 Codes: A B C Price A £3

327 SHREWTON

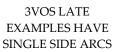
Sub Office of Devizes 1844 to 1891, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1891 to 1918, Salisbury 1918 to present.

Shrewton was allocated number 327 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 327 was previously allocated to Greta Bridge (Yorks) in the 1844 to 1857 lists and then later allocated to Grange over Sands (Lancs) in 1924 to 1962.

3VOS Used from 28 JUL1875 to JAN1902 Price E £30







3VOS FEB1875

335 Pewsey

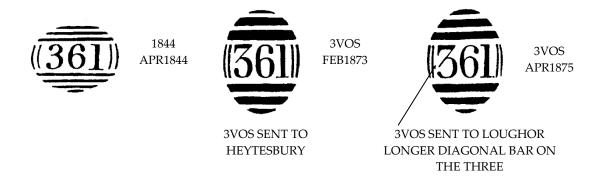
Pewsey was allocated number 618 in the 1844 to 1924 lists and 335 from 1951 to 1959.

WILTSHIRE 361-362

361 HEYTESBURY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Warminster 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Chippenham 1856 to 1860, Sub Office of Bath 1860 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1876, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1876 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1933, Sub Office of Warminster 1933 to present. Heytesbury was allocated number 361 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and G77 from 1887 to 1906. Number 361 was later allocated to Loughor (Glam) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and Gwaun cae Gurwen (Glam) 1924 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- B24 Langford 1855.



1844 Used from DEC1845 to 21 FEB1863 Price D £15

3VOS Used from 26 APR1873 to 25 JUN1879 Price E £30

A 3VOS number 365 was issued in 1873 to Heytesbury and used from 1873 to 1879. In 1875 Loughor (Glam) was issued with a 3VOS number 361 The late usage at Heytesbury is an error of number.

1873—a 361 3VOS was sent to Heytesbury

1874—Number 361 is vacant in the 1874 list

1875—a 361 3VOS was sent to Loughor (Glam) Number 361 was allocated to Loughor in the next list which was issued in 1882.

The 3VOS may well have been sent to Heytesbury when it became a Railway Sub Office (first listed as such in the 1874 Post Office Guide)

362 DEPTFORD INN

Sub Office of Salisbury 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Warminster 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Chippenham 1856 to 1859, closed 1859.

Deptford Inn was allocated number 362 in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

Number 362 was later allocated to Brize Norton (Oxon) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and Highbridge (Som) 1924 to 1962.

1844 Used from 8 OCT1847 to 20 OCT1849 Price H £100++ Occurs with a Wiley cud and Heytesbury cds



1844 APR1844

WILTSHIRE 366-393

366 HINDON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Salisbury 1855 to present.

Hindon was allocated number 366 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 366 was later allocated to Herne Bay, Kent in the 1925 to 1962 lists.



1844 APR1844

1844 Used in black from 24 JUL1854 to JAN1866 Price D £10 **1844 in blue** Used from JAN1851 to 6 OCT1852



4VOS JUL1868



3VOS JUL1881

4VOS Used from 3 SEP1868 to 29 OCT1874 Price G £60 **3VOS** Used from DEC1886 to JAN1893 Price G £50

391 ALDBOURNE

Sub Office of Hungerford 1844 to 1881, Railway Sub Office 1881 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1928, Sub Office of Marlborough 1928 to present.

Aldbourne was allocated number 391 in the 1844 to 1906 lists. Number 391 was later allocated to Hucknall (Notts) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844 APR1844

1844 No dated copies recorded Price H* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover) Seen in blue

393 RAMSBURY

Sub Office of Hungerford 1844 to 1915, Head Post Office 1916 to 1928, Sub Office of Marlborough 1928 to present.

Number 393 was later allocated to Horwich (Lancs) in the 1927 to 1962 lists.



1844 APR1844



3VOS JUL1874

WILTSHIRE 393-516

1844 Used from 19 AUG1844 to 7 SEP1873 Price A £5
Occurs with a Ramsbury cud. and Hungerford transit cds
3VOS Used from 5 SEP1874 to 23 SEP1904 Price B £6

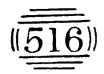


4VOD Used from 26 SEP1870 to 25 JUL1872 Code: A Price G £50+

516 MARLBOROUGH

Head Post Office 1844 to? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994. Marlborough was allocated number 516 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962. Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- 987 Burbage 1845 to present, K43 Collingbourne Ducis 1845 to present, 517 Great Bedwyn 1844 to 1858,

618 Pewsey 1855 to 1873 and 992 Tidworth 1847 to 1900.



1844 APR1844



3HOS APR1851



3HOS MAY1861

1844 Used from 30 MAY1844 to 25 MAY1851 Price C £5 **1844 in blue** Used on 17 NOV1845

3HOS Used from 3 SEP1852 to 27 FEB1872 Price A £3





3VOS JAN1886

4VOS Used from 17 DEC1873 to 13 AUG1886 Price F £20 **3VOS** Used from 29 JAN1886 to 21 OCT1886 Price H £50

WILTSHIRE 516-517



3CDA MAR1858 ??



3CDB MAR1858

3CDA (Marlborough in cds) GPO

This is from a book of cut outs in the Post Office Archives, it may never have been sent. **3CDB (Marlboro in cds)** Used from 12 APR1858 to 2 OCT1867 Codes: C Cinv Price A £3



4VOD JUL1868



4VOD SEP1873



4VOD JAN1875

4VOD Used from 18 AUG1868 to 25 MAR1878 Codes: B C Price A £3



3VOD APR1878



3VOD JAN1886

3VOD Time in code Used from 18 JUL1878 to 27 FEB1894

Codes: CDEFGHIJKM Price A £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 27 JUN1894 to 22 SEP1895

Codes: FE*P HI*P HK*P Price E £10

517 GREAT BEDWYN

Sub Office of Marlborough 1844 to 1858, Sub Office of Hungerford 1858 to 1930, Marlborough 1930 to present.

The last cancellation recorded in Dec1858, despite being in all the lists to 1906. Became Great Bedwyn in the 1870's.

Great Bedwyn was allocated number 517 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 517 was later allocated to Marlborough Lines (Wilts) in the 1924 to 1959 lists

1844 Used from 20 JUN1845 to 25 JUL1861 Price F £60+ Seen in blue Occurs with a Bedwyn cud. and Marlborough transit cds



1844 APR1844

WILTSHIRE 521-618

517 Marlborough Lines

Marlborough Lines was allocated number 517 in the 1924 to 1959 lists.

521 MELKSHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to 1920, Salaried Sub Office 1920 to Present. Melksham was allocated number 521 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844

1844 Used from 28 NOV1845 to 12 NOV1866 Price A £5



4VOD Used from 16 JUL1868 to 27 FEB1878 Codes: A B C D Price A £3



3VOD Time in code Used from 24 SEP1878 to 5 APR1895

Codes: A B C E F Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 28 OCT1896 to 6 JUN1907

Times: 615AM 915AM 1115AM 2PM 230PM 315PM 615PM 8PM 815PM 95PM 915PM

930PM 945PM Price A £3

584 Hawthorne

Hawthorne was allocated number 584 in the 1950 to 1962 lists.

618 PEWSEY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Marlborough 1855 to 1873, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1873 to 1920, Sub Office of Marlborough 1920 to 1951, Post Town 1951 to present. Pewsey was allocated number 618 in the 1844 to 1924 lists and 335 from 1951 to 1959. Number 618 was later allocated to Princes Risborough (Bucks) in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

WILTSHIRE 618-683



1844 APR1844



3VOS NOV1877

1844 Used from 29AUG1847 to 6 FEB1873 Price B £63VOS Used from 4 MAR1878 to 23 JAN1899 Price B £10Worn examples occur as 2VOS with single side arcs

683 SALISBURY

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Salisbury was allocated number 683 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- 17 Amesbury 1855 to 1888 & 1890 to present, 993 Cholderton 1844 to 1855, 362 Deptford Inn 1844 to 1855, 684 Downton 1844 to present, 304 Fordingbridge 1855 to 1935, 366 Hindon 1855 to present, Shaftesbury 1855 to 1871 and 685 Wilton 1844 to present.



1844 APR1844



1844 DEC1848



HIGSON RECORDS A FLAT TOPPED THREE

1844 Used from 17 MAY1844 to 29 MAR1854 Price A £5



(<u>683</u>))

3HOS JUL1856



3HOS MAY1859



3HOS DEC1860



3HOS JUL1861

3HOS Used from 28 DEC1854 to 16 JAN1865 Price A £3



4VOS Used from 10 APR1866 to 24 JAN1867 Price G £50+





SDWYS II Used from 29 NOV1855 to 5 JAN1858 Codes: C Cinv Csdwys O Price C £12 **3CD** Used from 1 JAN1862 to 2 OCT1867 Codes: B C E F Price A £3



4VODA's Round topped three

4VODA(I) Used from 19 SEP1867 to 17 OCT1873 Has a two part code: B2 C3 D4 E5 F6 Price C £3

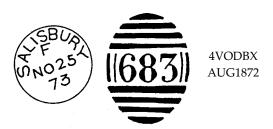


4VODAX Used from 4 FEB1869 to 28 JAN1871 6mm high figures
Single code C D E Price G £35 cds at a variable angle as is 4VODBX



4VODA(2) Used from 11 JAN1872 to 10 JUN1873 Single code: B D E F Price D £6

WILTSHIRE 683-684



4VODBX (cds at angle, flat top three) Used from 30 AUG1872 to 10 FEB1875

Codes: B C D E F Price E £15



4VODB FEB1875



4VODB MAY1876

4VODB (cds in line with the obliterator, flat topped three)

Used from 23 MAR1875 to 1 JAN1892 Codes: B C D E F G H I K Price A £3





3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in code Used from 7 JUN1879 to 10 JAN1895

Codes: BCDEFGHIKLM Price A£3

An intermediate type between A and B occurs from 1893 through to 1907, with a single bar on the right hand side.

3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in full Used from 11 MAY1896 to 26 FEB1908

Times: 830AM 10AM 1030AM 1145AM 1230PM 215PM 230PM 430PM 530PM 545PM 6PM 615PM 730PM 8PM 845PM 930PM 10PM 1015PM 1030PM Price A £3

3VODB (Single side arcs) Used from 21 MAY1895 to 20 NOV1906

Times: 645PM 815PM 930PM 1030PM Price C £8c £3ppc

684 DOWNTON

Sub Office of Salisbury 1844 to present.

Downton was allocated number 684 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 684 was later allocated to Sandiacre (Derbys) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

WILTSHIRE 684-685



1844 Used from 17 AUG1844 to 9 AUG1867 Price C £6 Occurs with a Downton straight line mark and Fordingbridge cds

1844 in blue Used in 1850



BOOKS

4VOS Used from 16 MAY1870 to 11 SEP1878 Price E £25 3VOS Used from 19 APR1879 to 7 JUL1888 Price D £15



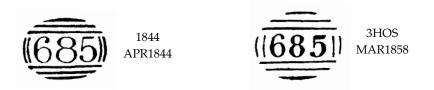
3VOD Used from 23 JUN1889 to 28 DEC1900 Codes: A B C Price D £10

685 WILTON

Sub Office of Salisbury 1844 to present.

Wilton was allocated number 685 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 685 was later allocated to Stapleford (Notts) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844 Used from 17 SEP1844 to JAN1856 Price D £8

Occurs with a straight line Wilton cud and a Salisbury transit cds or with a Wilton cud. and Salisbury cds

1844 in blue / bluish green Used from 1849 to 17 OCT1851

3HOS Used from 15 SEP1858 to 19 NOV1867 Price E £10 Seen in blue

WILTSHIRE 685-766









JUL1868

4VOS Used from 21 JUN1871 to 16 APR1873 Price G £50 **3VOS** Used from 30 MAY1873 to 5 MAR1890 Price G £40



3VOS NOT **ENTERED IN** THE PROOF **BOOKS**

3VOD Used from 26 NOV1891 to JAN1906 Codes: B C D E F H Price A £6 on cover, £3 on ppc

766 SWINDON

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Swindon was allocated number 766 in the 1844 to 1902 lists and 881 from 1906 to 1962. Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- Cricklade 1844 to 1855, Fairford 1860 to 1874, 295 High worth 1855 to present, Lechlade 1860 to 1873, H68 Purton 1844 to present, B36 & H69 Stratton St Margaret 1845 to present, 768 Wootton Bassett 1844 to 1875 & 1880 to 1897 & 1904 to present and 769 Wroughton 1844 to present.



1844 APR1844



3HOS MAR1860

1844 Used from 16 NOV1845 to 2 MAY1859 Price C £5 **3HOS** Used from 3 JUN1861 to 7 JUL1865 Price F £10



4VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)





SDWYS II Used from 9 OCT1856 to 1 MAY1858 Code: B Price E £40 **3CD** Used from 24 DEC1858 to 2 OCT1863 Codes: B C D G Price A £3



4CD FEB1864



4VODA JUL1864

4CD Used from 17 MAR1864 to 29 MAR1878 Codes: B C D E F Finv G 5 5sdwys 6 6sdwys Price A £3

4VODA (Straight Swindon) Used from 8 APR1865 to 4 AUG1873 Codes: C D F 2 3 4 5 6 Price C £4



4VODB JAN1871



4VODB DEC1876

4VODB (Curved Swindon) Time in code Used from 5 APR1871 to 14 JUN1893

Codes: B C D E F G 5 6 Price A £3

4VODB (Curved Swindon) Time in full Used from 16 MAY1898 to 28 OCT1902

Times: 5PM 930PM 11PM Price F £3



3VOD Time in code 13 SEP1873 to 14 JAN1896

Codes: A B C D E F H Price A £3

3VOD Time in full 10 MAY1898 to 24 JUN1905

Times: 1230AM 930AM 10AM 5PM 530PM 9PM 10PM 11PM Price C £3

WILTSHIRE 766-767

New Swindon

A Town Receiving House of Swindon 1855 to 1898, closed 1898.



4VODC (New Swindon Swindon) Used from 27 FEB1877 to 28 SEP1881 Codes: A C D E Price E £15



3VODC JUL1878



3VODC JUL1882

3VODC (New Swindon Swindon) Used from 23 JUL1878 to 5 APR1895

Codes: A B C D E F G P Price B £6

767 CRICKLADE

Sub Office of Swindon 1844 to 1855, Head Post Office 1855 to 1899, Railway Sub Office 1899 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1907, Sub Office of Swindon 1907 to present. Cricklade was allocated number 767 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 767 was later allocated to Swinton (Lancs) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844 Used from 1 NOV1846 to 6 APR1874 Price B £5



4VOD AUG1866



4/3/2VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS THE BARS START GOING IN 1871

4VOD Pre '71 Used from 6 NOV1867 to 27 JUL1871 Codes: A B C Price C £8 After 1871 the 4VOD either lost the two bars at the top and base or had an enlarged third bar.

4VOD (2 or 3VOD) Post '71 Used from 1871 to 9 MAY1892 Codes: A B C Price A £8 **4VOD Time in full** Used from 19 MAY1895 to 30 AUG1905

Times: 930AM 1115AM 1145AM 830PM 910PM 915PM 930PM 945PM Price A £8 This is also a 2VOD

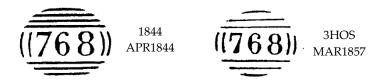
WILTSHIRE 768-769

768 WOOTTON BASSETT

Sub Office of Swindon 1844 to 1875, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1875 to 1880, Sub Office of Swindon 1880 to 1897, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1897 to 1904, Sub Office of Swindon 1904 to present.

Wootton Bassett was allocated number 768 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 768 was later allocated to Sutton Bridge (Lincs) in the 1932 to 1962 lists.



1844 Used from DEC1852 to JAN1856 Price G £40 **3HOS** Used from 6 NOV1857 to 18 APR1866 Price G £40



4VOS Used from 24 SEP1870 to 5 APR1894 Price G £40 It becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting





VOD JUN1871

4VOD Time in code Used from 14 DEC1867 to JAN1895

Codes: ABC Price C£5

4VOD Time in full Used from 4 APR1896 to 7 AUG1908

Times: 1115AM 330PM 830PM Price A £5 on cover, £3 on ppc.

769 WROUGHTON

Sub Office of Swindon 1844 to present.

Wroughton was allocated number 769 in the 1844 to 1902 lists

Number 769 was later allocated to Tadworth, Surrey in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

WILTSHIRE 769-813



1844 APR1844



3VOD FEB1882

1844 Used from 10 SEP1851 to 20 OCT1857 Price G £40

Occurs with a Wroughton cud. and Swindon transit cds

3VOD Time in code Used from 2 MAR1885 to 27 NOV1896 Code: B Price C £4

3VOD Time in full Used from 28 FEB1899 to 22 JAN1908

Times: 215PM 815PM 830PM Price B £3

792 Tidworth

Tidworth was allocated number 992 in the 1857 list and 792 from 1924 to 1962.

813 TROWBRIDGE

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Trowbridge was allocated number 813 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



3HOS NOV1857

1844 Used from 10 SEP1844 to 22 JUL1857 Price B £5 **3HOS** Used from 3 FEB1858 to 6 OCT1870 Price F £15



3VOS FEB1880



3CD SEP1859

3VOS Used from 18 SEP1903 to 8 DEC1911 Price H £25 (20th C. Price)

3CD Used from 22 NOV1860 to 9A PR1877 Codes: A B C D F none Price A £3



4VOD JUN1877



3VOD MAY1883

4VOD Used from 26 SEP1877 to 21 JUL1881 Codes: A B C D Price D £10

3VOD Used from 21 AUG1883 to 5 MAR1895 Codes: A C E F H J L Price C £3

846 WARMINSTER

Head Post Office 1844 to ?. Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1995. Warminster was allocated number 846 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 361 Heytesbury 1855 to 1856.



1844 APR1844



3HOS JUN1858



3HOS NOV1863

1844 Used from 14 AUG1844 to 9 DEC1853 Price C £5Also occurs on undated ppc's in the 1900's3HOS Used from 10 MAY1860 to 17 DEC1865 Price C £3



4VOS MAY1867



4VOS AUG1869



3VOS APR1876

4VOS Used from 28 DEC1868 to 6 MAR1875 Price C £6 Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting3VOS Used from 23 JAN1898 to 8 OCT1904 Price H £40



3CD JUN1859



4VOD FEB1876

3CD Used from 14 JUL1859 to 5 NOV1859 Code: C Price H £40 **4VOD** Used from 18 SEP1876 to 14 FEB1878 Code: D Price E £15



3VOD Time in code Used from 9 JUL1878 to 4 SEP1894

Codes: A B C D E F Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 18 NOV1895 to 6 FEB1897

Times: 145PM 315PM 715PM 8PM Price F £5

WILTSHIRE 870-881

870 WESTBURY

Head Post Office 1844 to ?. Branch Office replaced by "Edward St" in 1991. Westbury was allocated number 870 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 1 OCT1844 to JAN1859 Price D £10

1844 in blue Used from 1850 to 1852



4VOS FEB1868



3VOS OCT1880

4VOS Used from 26 APR1870 to 12 JAN1872 Price G £40

3VOS Used on 7 NOV1893 Price H £45



4VOD MAR1873



3VOD OCT1878

4VOD Used from 29 MAY1873 to 22 JUL1912 Codes: A B Binv C D none

Price A £6 on cover, £3 on ppc

3VOD Used from 16 JAN1879 to 6 MAR1912 Codes: A B C D E

Price A £8 on cover, £3 on ppc

881 SWINDON STATION

Swindon in the 1906 and later lists.

Sub Office of Swindon 1844 to 1881, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1881 to 1906/9, Closed 1906/9.

Swindon Station was allocated number 881 in the 1882 to 1902 lists.

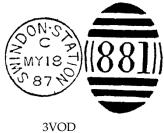


WILTSHIRE 881-984

3VOS Used from DEC1879 to JAN1881 Price G £150







3VOD MAY1887

3VOD Time in code Used from 8 JUL1878 to 20 SEP1893

Codes: A B C D E F G H Price A £8

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 1 NOV1894 to 7 DEC1895

Codes: KI*A KP*A G*P H*P HF*P I*P L*P Price E £12

3VOD Time in full Used from 27 JAN1896 to 4 JUL1910

Times: 1215AM 1015AM 1215PM 1230PM 1245PM 315PM 330PM 4PM 5PM 6PM 8PM 9PM

915PM 930PM 10PM 11PM none (xmas) Price A £8

881 Swindon

Swindon was allocated number 766 in the 1844 to 1902 lists and 881 from 1906 to 1962. Number 881 was previously allocated to Swindon Station in the 1882 to 1902 lists.

984 MERE

Sub Office of Wincanton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Bath 1855 to 1904, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1904 to 1908, Sub Office of Wincanton 1908 to 1910, Post Town 1910 to 1940, Sub Office of Warminster 1940 to present.

Mere was allocated number 984 in the 1855 to 1906 lists.

Number 984 was later allocated to Storrington, Sussex in the 1959 list.



3HOS Used from 15 OCT1851 to 28 JUN1867 Price F £20

3HOS in green Used on 1 SEP1855 **3HOS in red** Used on 7 NOV1857



4VOS JUL1870



3VOS JUL1879



3VOS JUN1882

WILTSHIRE 984-992

4VOS Used from 11 JAN1872 to 27 MAR1879 Price G £50 **3VOS** Used from 8 SEP1879 to 19 DEC1882 Price G £40



3VOD Time in code Used from 17 MAY1888 to 7 APR1902 Codes: A B Price B £4 **3VOD Time in full** Used from 23 AUG1903 to 6 APR1909

Times: 11AM 230PM 245PM 4PM 715PM 730PM Price B £4 on cover, £3 on ppc.

987 BURBAGE

Sub Office of Pewsey 1844 to 1845, Sub Office of Marlborough 1845 to present.

Burbage was allocated number 987 in the 1855 to 1857 lists.

Number 987 was later allocated to Treorchy (Glam) in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

3HOS Used from 31 DEC1853 to 1854 Price H £100+

3HOS in blue Used in 1854



3HOS JUL1851

990 COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Sub Office of Marlborough 1845 to present.

Collingbourne Ducis was allocated number 990 in the 1855 to 1857 lists and K43 from 1902 to 1906.

Number 990 was later allocated to Dinas (Glam) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and Burgess Hill 1928 to 1962.

3HOS Used from 1856 to 26 JAN1859 Price H £100++



992 TIDWORTH

Sub Office of Salisbury 1844 to 1848, Sub Office of Marlborough 1848 to 1900, Sub Office of Andover (Hants) 1900 to 1984, closed 1984.

Tidworth was allocated number 992 in the 1857 list and 792 from 1924 to 1962.

Number 992 was later allocated to Penygraig (Glam) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and Porth (Glam) 1929 to 1962.

3HOS Used from 1854 to AUG1856 (date in manuscript) Price H £100+

3HOS in blue Used from 28 JUN1852 to 27 JAN1859 both had Burbage cud's



JUL1851

WILTSHIRE 993-005

993 CHOLDERTON

Sub Office of Salisbury 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Marlborough 1855 to 1861, Sub Office of Salisbury 1861 to present.

Cholderton was allocated number 993 in the 1857 list.

Number 993 was later allocated to Blaenllecha (Glam) in the 1882 to 1887 lists and Ferndale (Glam) in the 1892 to 1962 lists.

3HOS Used on 17 AUG1851 Price H £100++

3HOS JUL1851

The recorded cover has a Collingbourne Ducis cud Siggers illustration 2/.1854 on page 188 is of the 993 3VOS of Blaenllecha (Glam) which was entered in the Proof Books in JUL1876.

The correct 3HOS is in Higson page C-10.

002 Codford

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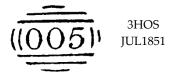
Codford was allocated number A02 in the 1924 list and 002 from 1928 to 1962

005 CORSHAM

Sub Office of Chippenham 1844 to 1873, Railway Sub Office 1873 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1920, Sub Office of Chippenham 1920 to 1942, Post Town 1942 to present.

Mail posted at Corsham was cancelled at Chippenham in 1874 / '75 / '76 & '79.

Corsham was allocated number 005 in the 1855 to 1906 lists.



3HOS Used from 17 FEB1859 to 12 AUG1864 Price H £40





4VOS Used from 27 MAY1873 to 14 MAR1878 Price H £50 **3VOS** Used from 7 OCT1878 to 22 SEP1879 Price H £40



WILTSHIRE 005-B36

3VOD Time in code Used from 29 SEP1880 to 2 JUL1902

Codes: A B C E F G 3 Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 28 MAR1903 to 4 MAY1909

Times: 9AM 915AM 1130AM 245PM 645PM 915PM Price A £3

043 YATTON KEYNELL

Sub Office of Chippenham 1845 to present

Yatton Keynell was allocated number 043 in the 1857 list.

Number 043 was later allocated to Looe (Corn) in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

3HOS Used from 10 NOV1855 to 16 FEB1859 Price H £100+



3HOS FEB1855

044 LACOCK

Sub Office of Chippenham 1845 to present.

Lacock was allocated number 044 in the 1857 list.

Number 044 was later allocated to Polperro (Corn) in the 1882 to 1924 lists and later to Hawes (Yorks) in the 1962 list.

3HOS Used from 24 AUG1856 to 21 NOV1858 Price H £100+



3HOS FEB1855

045 SUTTON BENGER

Sub Office of Chippenham 1845 to present.

Sutton Benger was allocated number 045 in the 1857 list and F66 from 1874 to 1906.

Number 045 was later allocated to Temple Sowerby (Westmd) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and Ystalyfera (Glam) in the 1962 list.

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3HOS
FEB1855

3HOS Used from 28 AUG1858 to 11 MAY1859 Price G £80+ Occurs with a Sutton Benger cud. and a Chippenham cds.

A02 Codford

Codford was allocated number A02 in the 1924 list and 002 from 1928 to 1962

Number A02 was previously allocated to Antigua in the Leeward Islands in the 1874 to 1902 lists, a 3HOS was used on GB stamps from AUG 1858 to JUL 1859.

Surcharge marks with the numbers A02 and A03 were sent to Warminster in 1915, the A02 was for Codford, the destination of A03 remains a mystery.

B36 STRATTON ST MARGARET

Sub Office of Swindon 1845 to Present, Rural to Town Sub Office in c.1950

Not in any list. It opened too late for the 1857 one and closed before the 1874 list was issued. Later it was allocated number H69 from 1887 to 1906.

Number B36 was later allocated to Llanwrda (Carm) in the 1882 to 1906 lists



1844 APR1844

3HOS Used from 7 AUG1865 to JAN1874 Price G £80+

WILTSHIRE D45-H68

D45 BAYDON

Sub Office of Hungerford 1851 to 1888, Railway Sub Office 1888 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1928, Sub Office of Marlborough 1928 to present.

Baydon was allocated number D45 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

3VOS GPO



F66 SUTTON BENGER

Sub Office of Chippenham 1845 to present.

Sutton Benger was allocated number 045 in the 1857 list and F66 in 1874 to 1906.





4VOS Used from 1 AUG1883 to 17 DEC1891 Price H £80+ **3VOS** Used from 19 FEB1894 to 12 MAY1899 Price G £60

G77 HEYTESBURY

Hear Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Warminster 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Chippenham 1856 to 1859, Sub Office of Bath 1860 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1876, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1876 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1933, Sub Office of Warminster 1933 to present.

Heytesbury was allocated number 361 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and G77 from 1887 to 1906.

3VOS Used in 1888 Price H £100++



H68 PURTON

Sub Office of Swindon 1844 to present. Purton was allocated number H68 from 1887 to 1906.

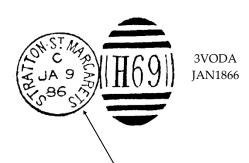
3VOD Used from 30 MAR1893 to 18 JUN1909 Codes: A B C Price A £6



WILTSHIRE H69-K43

H69 STRATTON ST MARGARET

Sub Office of Swindon 1845 to present. Rural to Town Sub Office in c.1950 Stratton St Margaret initially used number B36 this was not in any list. It opened too late for the 1857 one and closed before the 1874 list was issued. Later it was allocated number H69 from 1887 to 1906.





3VODB NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VODA (St.Margarets in cds) Used from 16 AUG1886 to 18 DEC1899

Codes: A B Price F £20

3VODB (St.Margaret in cds) Used from 3 FEB1900 to 2 SEP1908

Times: 930AM 645PM 8PM 845PM 930PM 1210PM 1230PM Price D £4

K09 WOODBOROUGH

Sub Office of Marlborough 1877 to 1892, Sub Office of Pevensey 1892 to 1920, Sub Office of Marlborough 1920 to 1951, Sub Office of Pewsey 1951 to 1982, closed 1982.

Woodborough was allocated number K09 from 1892 to 1906.

3VOS Used from 5 DEC1893 to 27 JUN1900 Price G £80+ Can appear to be a duplex



ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

K43 COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Sub Office of Marlborough 1845 to present.

Collingbourne Ducis was allocated number 990 in the 1855 to 1857 lists and K43 from 1902 to 1906

3VOS Used from 16 AUG1898 to 1902 Price H £100+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS